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Upon the INQUIRY into the
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Venalis Populus, Venalis Curia Patrum.
Est favor in pretio,———
Ipsaq; Majestas Auro corrupta jacebat. Petron. Satyr.

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THE Matter of Fact, as ſtated in the late *Collection* of the *Debates* and *Proceedings* in Parliament, having found a favourable Reception; and ſome weighty and memorable Obſervations, contributing to the farther Illuſtration of the Corrupt Practices there related, having ſince occur'd; 'Tis hoped that the ſubjoining this enſuing Narrative thereof, may not be thought impertinent; in confidence whereof, it is here preſented to the Reader's View. And

To anſwer the Expectation of divers Adventurers in the *Eaſt-India*-Stock, Merchants, and other conſiderable Traders with that Company, who deſire a more particular Account of the Company's Affairs than has been yet made publick, they will here find it.

On the 14*th* of *November* 1694. The General-Court of the Adventurers for the General Joint-Stock to the *Eaſt-Indies*, appointed a Committee to *inſpect into the Affairs*

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of the General Joint-Stock, under the Management of the Court of Committees, and of the ſeveral Tranſactions that have been had therein, for the Satisfaction of the Adventurers: and upon the 20*th* of *December* 1694, they impowred the ſame Committee to meet, and conſider further of the Matters to them referr'd, by the Order of the 14*th* of *November*.

Whoſe Names are,

Mr. *Nathaniel Tench*,	Mr. *Edward Rudge*,
Sir *Jeremiah Sambrook*,	Mr. *Robert Marſhal*,
Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*,	Mr. *George Boun*,
Mr. *William Fawkener*,	And
Mr. *John Ward*,	Mr. *Iſaac Houblon*.

This Committee, purſuant to the Order impowering them thereunto, made the Inſpection as directed; and upon the 12*th* of *March* 1694, reported the ſame in the words following, *Viz.*

I. Upon Examination of the Company's Caſh-Book, we find that the Ballance the 31*ſt* of *October* 1694, was 124249 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.* and demanding of Mr. *Portmans* the Caſhire, if he had the ſame in Caſh; he replied he had not; but inſtead thereof, laid before us in writing on the 22*d* of *November* 1694, the following Particulars, *viz.*

90000 *l.* —— ——	Lent upon Sir *Tho. Cooke*'s Note.
28634 *l.* —— ——	By Notes or Receipts given by Mr. *Atwell* and Company.
4065 *l.* —— ——	By Notes from ſeveral Perſons taken by Sir *Tho. Cooke*'s Order.
1550 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.*	By ſeveral ſmall Sums.
Making 124249 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d.*	Which makes the above-ſaid Ballance.

And upon farther, and more particular Examination why that 90000 *l.* was ſtanding out, Mr. *Portmans* produces the then Governour, Sir *Tho. Cooke*'s Note, in theſe words:

Receiv'd the 10th *of* January 169¾, *of Mr.* Edmund Portmans, *for account of the* Eaſt-India *Company*, 90000 l. *which I have diſburſt and paid for* 99197 l. Eaſt-India *Stock for their account; which I promiſe to be accountable for account of the* Eaſt-India *Company, and was by Order of Court, the* 24th *of* November 1693.

Per *Tho. Cooke.*

That Order of Court is in the Words following, *viz.*

'It is ordered, That the Caſhire-General do from time 'to time make payment of ſuch Sums of Money for 'carrying on of the Company's Service, as the Gover-

'nour

'nour ſhall direct, purſuant to the Senſe of the preſent 'Debate.

But we find no Entries, or Mention in the Court's Books, or elſewhere, what that Debate was; and how far the ſaid Order tends to the buying of Stock, we ſubmit to the Judgment of this Court.

And whereas it is alledged by Sir *Tho. Cooke*, that for the 90000 *l.* aforeſaid, there was an Agreement made with ſeveral Subſcribers for 99197 *l.* Stock, on or before the 10*th* of *January* 169¾. yet we do not find to this hour any Warrant for the ſaid Sum, or any of that Stock transferred in the Company's Books for their Account, excepting 18300 *l.* Stock on the 16*th* of *January* laſt; for which the Company have paid 10200 *l.* which is charged to his Account. And we are further informed, that 24000 *l.* of the ſaid Stock was re-ſold at 74 *l. per Cent.* And we do likewiſe find, that there is an Order of the Court of Committees, dated the 9*th* of *November* laſt, made upon a Report from the Committee of the Treaſury; ſo much of which Report and Order as relates to the ſaid Stock, follows in theſe words:

'On reading a Report from the Committee of the Trea-'ſury touching the Accounts of the Deputy-Governour, 'referred to them by Order of Court of the 26*th* of *October* 'laſt.

'We find, that admitting the 99000 *l.* Stock, as the Court 'ſeemed to approve, to be for the Company's Account in 'the Sum of 90000 *l.* there will be due from the Company 'to Sir *Thomas Cooke* about 73000 *l.* to compleat the Monies 'diſburſt for the Inveſtment at *Cadiz*; and according to

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'the Determination of the laſt Court, we went to Sir 'Joſiah Child, who declared that he never heard of the 'Sale of the 24000 *l.* Stock until about the time it was 'mentioned to the Court; but as to his own Concern, 'he is willing to ſubmit to the Loſs in that Sale, con-'ſidering the neceſſity alledged by Sir *Tho. Cooke* for want 'of Money.

'As to the Remainder of that Stock, being 75000 *l.* 'Stock, Sir *Thomas Cooke* declares it is engaged to ſe-'veral Perſons for Monies taken up to ſupply the Diſ-'burſement above-mentioned; which when the ſame 'is paid to him, he will be anſwerable for the ſaid 'Stock.

'The Court approved of the Disburſements made by the 'Deputy-Governour, and of the 24000 *l.* Stock by him ſold, 'for the Reaſons therein mentioned.

Which Approbation being ſo many Months *poſt factum*, the Conſideration thereof we likewiſe ſubmit to this Court.

II. We find that the Sum of 30000 *l.* is brought into the Company's Caſh-Book the 31*ſt* of *March*, 1694. after the Caſh-Book was caſt up, in theſe words:

By Sir *Thomas Cooke* paid him on his Note according to an Order of Court of the 24*th* of *November* laſt.

The Receipt whereof, without a Warrant, is acknowledged by the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cooke*, and remains in Mr. *Pontmans*'s hands, in the words following:

Received

Received the 31th *of* March 1694. *of Mr.* Edmund Portmans *for the Account of the Honourable* East-India *Company, the Sum of* 30000 *l. which I promiſe to be accountable for, with Intereſt for the ſame, being for ſeveral Sums advanced to ſeveral Perſons. Witneſs my Hand the Day and Year above written.*

Per *Thomas Cooke.*

Notwithſtanding which, we find the ſaid Sum of 30000 *l.* carried to the Companies Debt in Charges General, and the Journal parcel of that Entry eraſed: by which it plainly appears to us, that the ſaid Journal, parcel of that Date, was altered, and this Sum of 30000 *l.* introduced ſome time after. Beſides we find the Account of Charges General, ſtands ballanced and carried to Profit and Loſs, with this 30000 *l.* included: but Mr. *Thorowgood* the Book-keeper, did declare upon Oath the 21*th* of *February* 1694. that the paſſing of this 30000 *l.* was an Error of his; and coming to lay the Account of Charges General before Sir *Thomas Cooke* in *November* laſt, the Error was diſcovered by Sir *Thomas*, who gave him Orders to withdraw it from thence, and to place it to his own Account, which is now done; but the ſaid proceeding between Sir *Thomas Cooke* and Mr. *Thorowgood*, was not made known to us till we diſcovered the ſame in the Book. We further obſerve, that the ſaid Sum of 30000 *l.* is taken out of the Companies Caſh without a Warrant, under pretence of the afore-mentioned Order of the 24*th* of *November* 1693. which we ſubmit to the Conſideration of this Court.

III. We

III. We further find the Sum of 9000 *l.* Stock, declared to be bought for the Company by Sir *Bazil Firebrace*, which coſt 8520 *l.* as by the following particulars.

Decemb. 5.	Of *Alvaro da Coſta*,	1000 *l.*	at	95 *l. per. cent.*
1693.	Of *Benjamin Levi*,	1000 *l.*	at	95
	Of *Richard Cock*,	1000 *l.*	at	95
Ditto 6.	Of *Samuel Ongley*,	1000 *l.*	at	95
	Of Sir *R. Aynſworth*,	2000 *l.*	at	95
22.	Of *ditto* Sir *Rowland*,	1000 *l.*	at	96
January 4.	Of Capt. *W. Heath*,	1000 *l.*	at	96
Apr. 3. 94.	Of *George Jarvis*,	500 *l.*	at	90
6.	Of *Peter Monger*,	500 *l.*	at	90

l. 9000 amounts to *l.* 8520

As alſo a Sum of 7828 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.* including Intereſt and Charges thereon for Guinea's given out to have the refuſal of Stock at high Rates, and tranſacted without any Order from the Court of Committees for the ſame, to the great Damage and Diſhonour of the Company. And in the Examination of the ſaid Matter, we do find that the Contracts upon the Guinea's given out, as aforeſaid, were made in the Names of private Perſons, not Members of the Company; and that in thoſe Contracts no ſuch Proviſion was made as might entitle the Company to the Benefit, had any ariſen by the ſame; but on the contrary, the ſaid Contracts were never made known to the Court of Committees, until ſome Months after the Expiration of the Time, ſo that if there had ariſen any Profit upon them, they might then have been applied to his proper Account who had the negotiating of them: in conſidera-

tion whereof it appeared to us, that thoſe Contracts did no way concern or oblige the Company. And underſtanding that the Committee of the Treaſury had made a Report of the 9*th* of *November*, diſallowing the ſame, the Clauſe whereof follows in theſe words, *viz.*

'As to the Diſburſements pretended to by Sir *Bazil Fire-*
'*brace*, for Guinea's given out to have the Refuſal of Stock
'at a certain time, and the Monies paid for Stock bought,
'Sir *Joſiah Child* doth declare he never was privy to any
'ſuch Negotiation till very lately; nor doth he, nor our
'ſelves find any ground for ſuch an Authority given to
'him by the Court, whereby to lay the loſs upon the
'Company's Stock, and therefore we can give no other Re-
'port thereupon, but refer it back to the Court.

And alſo being inform'd that the Money was not actually paid the 19*th* of *November*, we did, as we apprehended it our Duties to do, in behalf of the General Joint-ſtock, uſe our Endeavours as much as in us lay to prevent the Paiment of the ſaid Money, by giving the following Intimation in Writing to the Companies Officers, which was produced to the Court of Committees, *viz.*

"In purſuance of an Order of the General Court of
" Adventurers, for the General Joint-ſtock to the *Eaſt-*
" *Indies*, dated the 14*th* of *November* 1694. empowering
" us to inſpect into the Affairs of the General Joint-ſtock,
" under the Management of the Court of Committees,
" and of the ſeveral Tranſactions that have been had there-
" in for the Satisfaction of the Adventurers; and where-
" as upon the Conſideration had of the ſame, Informa-
" tion hath been given us, that there is the Sum of
" 16348 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.* demanded by Sir *Bazil Firebrace*
" for Guinea's given out upon Contracts for Stock, and

" for

" for Stock bought, and an Order of the Court of Com-
" mittees for paiment of the ſame; which Diſburſment
" is in our Opinion Irregular, being done without Order,
" and the Order for paiment thereof is alſo Irregular,
" being *poſt factum*: We therefore, agreeing unanimouſly
" that it ought not to be allowed without the Approba-
" tion firſt had of a General Court, have thought fitting
" in behalf of the ſaid Court, to ſignify unto the Ac-
" comptant General, that he ſhall not make out any War-
" rant for, and unto the Committee of the Treaſury and
" the Caſhire-General, that they ſhall not pay the ſaid Sum
" of 16348 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.* or any part thereof, or affix the
" Companies Seal to any Bill or Bills for that purpoſe, till
" the Pleaſure of the ſaid General Court be firſt known.
" Given under our Hands this 19*th* of *November*, 1694.

Nath. Tench.	*Edward Rudge.*
Jeremy Sambrook.	*Robert Marſhall.*
Ben. Bathurſt.	*George Boun.*
W. Fawkener.	*Iſaac Houblon.*
John Ward.	

Notwithſtanding which Report of the Committee of the Treaſury and Intimation aforeſaid, yet the Court of Committees were pleaſed to approve of the ſaid Contracts *poſt factum*, by an Order of theirs of the 9*th* of *November* laſt, in the words following.

And as to the Demands of Sir *Bazil Firebrace*, amounting to 16866 *l.* 9 *s.* 8. *d.* the Particulars whereof are undermentioned.

Sir *Tho. Cooke* is Debtor to Sir *Bazil Firebrace*,
For Account of the *East-India* Company,
1693. For *Præmio* of Refusal of Stock at 6 Months, *viz.*
Of 32000 *l.* by *Abraham Wilmer.*
Of 29750 *l.* by *John Barksdale.*
Of 1800 *l.* by *Jacob Marsam.*
Of 7500 *l.* by *Josiah Davis.*

71050 *l.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
As by the several particulars amounting to	7110	14	00
For 9000 *l.* Stock bought of divers Persons, as *per* particular,	8520		
17 *Septemb.* 1694. For Interest to this Day of the abovesaid Paiments, as *per* particular,	517	16	07
For Brokeage of 80050 *l.* at $\frac{1}{4}$ *per.cent.*	200	02	06
	16348	13	01
Gratuity	517	16	07
	16866	09	08

The same being now taken into serious Debate, and Sir *Bazil Firebrace* affirming, that the whole Transactions of that

that Affair, and the Perſons managing the ſame, were by particular Order of Sir *Thomas Cooke*, the then Governour, wherewith he was frequently made acquainted, and that Sir *Bazil* had no particular Intereſt in, or Advantage thereby; and the Governour declaring that he was made acquainted therewith ſix Months ago, and importuned by Sir *Bazil Firebrace*, that the ſaid Account might be adjuſted by the Deputy-Governour: on conſideration thereof had, the Court thought fit to allow of the ſaid Account, excepting the 517 *l.* 16 *s.* 7 *d.* therein demanded for a Gratuity, and ordered that a Warrant be made out for the ſame, Sir *Bazil* firſt transferring the 9000 *l.* unto the Secretary for the Companies uſe.

And alſo were pleaſed to ſign Warrants for Paiment of the ſaid Money, which accordingly was done, *viz.* 7828 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.* the 7*th* of *December*, and 8520 *l.* the 4*th* of *January*, making in all 16348 *l.* 13 *s.* 1 *d.* which we likewiſe ſubmit to the Conſideration of this Court.

IV. We farther find ſeveral Contracts are ſaid to be made by Sir *Thomas Cooke*, Sir *Bazil Firebrace*, and Sir *Joſeph Herne*, for Stock, of the Value of 67385 *l.* 19 *s.* 6 *d.* *viz.* 34342 *l.* 9 *s.* 6 *d.* by Sir *Thomas Cooke*, and 28043 *l.* 10 *s.* by Sir *Bazil*, and 5000 *l.* by Sir *Joſeph Herne*, for the Companies Account, to be put upon them at 100 *l.* *per cent.* at any time before the 10*th* of *January* laſt; the which Stock now ſtands transferred in the Companies Books, to Mr. Secretary *Blackbourn* for their Account, by which they are like to be great Loſers; yet we find the ſame to be allowed of by an Order of Court of the 26*th* of *October* laſt, in theſe Words, *viz.*

" The

" The Deputy-Governour repreſenting to the Court, " that himſelf and Sir *Bazil Firebrace* had for the Encou- " ragement of the late Subſcriptions, entred into Bonds " to ſeveral Perſons for accepting of Stock, to the Value " of 65267 *l.* 10 *s.* in *December* and *January* next, at 100 *l.* " *per cent.* if demanded of them, *viz.* 37222 *l.* thereof " by the Deputy-Governour, and 28043 *l.* 10 *s.* by Sir *Ba-* " *zil Firebrace*, the Whole having been ſubſcribed and paid " in, and no part thereof on either of their Accounts; " and deſiring they might be Indempnified for what loſs " ſhould accrue thereon, if any: the Court declared they " ſhould be Indempnified accordingly under the Compa- " nies Seal, if required.

And altho' the ſaid Contracts, as we are informed, were given up at the ſealing of the Bonds for the Money; yet when we demanded a view of them, to ſee what Conſideration, and other Terms of Agreement they contained, we found them ſuppreſſed (excepting only thoſe made by Sir *Tho. Cooke*); and as Mr. *Portmans* ſays, were delivered into the Hands of Sir *Bazil Firebrace*, notwithſtanding the Order of Court of the 4*th* of *January* laſt, which refers it to the Committee of the Treaſury to direct the taking up the Engagements of the Deputy-Governour and Sir *Bazil Firebrace*: So that we are deprived of giving this Court ſuch an Account of this Article as is neceſſary. Only this we know, that Conſideration was allowed for ſome of them, and not accounted for to the Company; which we likewiſe ſubmit to the Conſideration of this Court.

V. We

V. We find upon the Company's Account of Charges general, paid out of Cash, *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
In *June* 1688,	1079	12	2	Sir *Benj. Bathurst* Governour, Sir *Josiah Child* Deputy.
January ——	205	01	4	
December 1689,	400	00	0	
January ——	546	00	6	
Together	2230	14	0	

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
August 1690,	314	08	8	Sir *Joseph Herne* Governour, Sir *Thomas Cooke* Deputy.
——	369	06	8	
January ——	871	13	4	
February ——	1174	10	6	
April 1691,	595	00	8	
May ——	4500	00	0	
October ——	435	16	8	
——	545	16	8	
January ——	1073	06	8	
March ——	3652	10	0	
Together	13532	09	2	

April

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	
April 1692,	2250	00	0	
———	2409	15	4	
March 1693,	2000	00	0	
May ———	22275	00	0	Sir *Tho. Cooke* Governour,
October ——	1091	13	4	Mr. *Tyſſen* Deputy.
November --	24983	00	0	
January ——	30000	00	0	
March ——	2393	09	7	
Together	87402	12	3	
Sum total,	103165	15	5	

Of the Diſpoſal of which Money we have been able to obtain no farther Account, than that the ſame is made paid in the Company's Books in General Terms for Special Service; and that great part thereof was, as we are informed, put into the Hands of Sir *Bazil Firebrace*: But the moſt material Orders of Court that appear to us to relate to the greateſt Sums, are as followeth, *viz.*

At a Court of Committees holden the 13th *of* April 1693.

'THe Governour this Day acquainting the Court with what Proceedings had been made in their Affairs towards granting a New Charter, and with *l.* 22275. what had been diſburſed by him in proſecution thereof, the Court approved of the ſaid Charges, and ordered a Warrant to be made out for

' for the ſame; returning him their Thanks for his great ' Care, Pains and Trouble in their Service, deſiring him to ' proceed in the perfecting thereof.

The 24th *of* November 1693.

' THe Governour this Day making a Repreſentation ' of what Sums of Money had been by him of late ' diſburſed in the Management and Carry-
l. 24983. ' ing on of the Company's Affairs for their ' Service; the Court approved thereof, and ' ordered that a Warrant be made out for making the ſame ' paid in Caſh accordingly, giving him their Thanks for ' his great Care and Pains taken therein.

The 22d *of* January 1693.

' IT being repreſented unto the Court, that in the farther ' Proſecution of their Affairs, and in order to their ' Settlement, there has been ſeveral Sums of
l. 30000. ' Money diſburſed, amounting to 30000 *l.* in ' the whole; the Particulars thereof were now ' laid before them. On conſideration thereof had, it is ' ordered, That the ſaid Monies be made paid in Caſh, ' and a Warrant be made out accordingly.

VI. We do alſo think fit to lay before this Court a brief State of Sir *Thomas Cooke*'s Account, as it occurs to us, and is as followeth:

That the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cooke* was indebted to the Company before the Transfer of 18300 *l.* Stock the *16th*

of *January* laſt, and mentioned in this Report, as near as we can compute, the Sum of 69400 *l.* without any Intereſt charged, which we conceive will be very conſiderable.

But if the ſaid 18300 *l.* Stock, at ninety *per cent.* amounting to 16470 *l.* ſhould be allowed by this Court, (which we do refer to their ſerious Conſideration) then there will yet remain due to the Company from the ſaid Sir *Thomas Cooke* the Sum of 52930 *l.* without any Intereſt charged, as before. All which nevertheleſs, is ſubmitted to the farther Conſideration of this Court. Dated at the *Eaſt-India*-Houſe the 12*th* of *March* 1694.

Nat. Tench,
Will. Fawkener,
Joh. Ward,
Jeremy Sambrooke,
Edward Rudge,
Rob. Marſhall,
Benjamin Bathurſt,
Iſaac Houblon,
George Boun.

The ſame Committee, upon the ſaid 12*th* Day of *March* 1694, made a farther Report; which in regard of the extraordinary Nature of the Contract therein mentioned, may not unfitly be termed the *Seymour*, or *Salt-Petre* Report, and it was in the words following, *viz.*

We find that in the Month of *September* 1690, Sir *Joſeph Herne* being Governour, and Sir *Tho. Cooke* Deputy, there was a Contract made by Mr. *Robert Wolley* in behalf of the ſaid Governour and Deputy, and others, for all the Company's Pepper which they then had by them, at 11 *d.* $\frac{1}{4}$ *per* Pound for *Mallabar* and *Jambee* Pepper, and 10 *d.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *per* Pound for the *Billiapatam*, and for all that ſhould arrive betwixt that and the firſt Day of *March* following: and that in *December* after the Contract, the Parliament did

did put 3 *d. per* Pound as a new Duty upon all *Pepper* that ſhould arrive. By which Act, the ſaid 3 *d. per* Pound was all to be paid back again upon the Exportation; and that in *January* following the Ship *Chandois* did arrive with 117000 Weight of *Pepper*. Upon notice whereof, in *February* following, Mr. *Robert Wolley* the Broker, came before the Court of Committees, and demanded the ſaid *Pepper* at the Price agreed on in his former Contract: Who being withdrawn, the Court debated whether they ſhould be obliged to deliver it before they were aſſured they ſhould receive Satisfaction for the 3 *d. per* Pound; and upon promiſe of the then Governour and Deputy, who were Parties concerned in the Contract, that they ſhould receive Satisfaction for the ſame, the Court did agree to the delivery of it: Which ſaid 3 *d. per* Pound is not made good to the Company, and is to their Damage about the Sum of 1400 *l.*

We find a *CONTRACT* bearing date the 26*th* of *February* 1693, for 200 Tuns of *Salt Petre*, to be brought home in the Ship *SEYMOUR* from *India*, to pay the Sum of 12000 *l.* for the ſame, and 25 *l. per* Tun freight to the Owners of the Ship; beſides all Charges here, 2000 *l.* (part of the ſaid 12000 *l.*) which was the Sum ſent out to purchaſe the ſaid *Salt Petre*, is actually paid out of the Company's Caſh, and a Bond for the remaining 10000 *l.* is given under their Seal, payable the 31*ſt* of *March* next, *whether the Ship arrive in ſafety or not*; with this Limitation only, that if 200 Tuns of *Petre* be not laden upon the ſaid Ship, then to repay in proportion to the want thereof: So that the *Reſult of this Contract is this, the Company run the Adventure of* 12000 *l. for that which coſts only* 2000 *l. and muſt conſequently loſe* 12000 *l. if the Ship miſcarry: And on the contrary, the Seller on the other*

hand, gets 10000 *l. clear, without disburſing or running the hazard of one Penny; and what is yet more, as certain a Loſs of* 9 *or* 10000 *l. will attend it if the Ship arrive in ſafety.* All which nevertheleſs, is ſubmitted to the farther Conſideration of this Court. Dated at the *Eaſt-India*-Houſe, the 12*th* of *March* 1694.

Nathaniel Tench,	*Jeremy Sambrooke,*
William Fawkener,	*Edward Rudge,*
John Ward,	*Rob. Marſhall.*

This Report, when given into the General Court, was alſo ſigned by Sir *Benjamin Bathurſt*, and Mr. *Iſaac Houblon.*

To the Honour of the worthy and well-deſerving Gentlemen of the Committee who made the foregoing Report, Juſtice requires this *Remark*, that their prudent Inſpection, and honeſt Diſcovery of theſe Deeds of Darkneſs, did much contribute to, if not occaſion the neceſſary Enquiry ſince made by both Houſes of Parliament into thoſe wicked Practices, which we will yet hope may in due time be ſet in a Meridian Light, notwithſtanding the extraordinary Arts and Tricks which have been uſed to ſtifle the Diſcovery and conceal the chief Criminals; which the former Hiſtory of this Affair has in ſome meaſure laid open, and that which here follows may farther evince.

It hath been already obſerved, that Monſieur *Robart*, who appeared by the Depoſitions before the Committee of Lords and Commons to be *a material Witneſs to make good the Charge againſt the Duke of* Leeds, *was withdrawn after*

after the Impeachment was carried up to the Houſe of Lords; and that his Grace had declared *he knew (by the manner of the Man)* that *Robart would not be ſeen here again in haſte.* Now it appeared to the Houſe of Commons, that this *Robart* had obtained *A PASS* to go beyond Sea; the Diſcovery thereof was thus made.

Upon Wedneſday the Firſt of *May* in the Afternoon, *Paul Foley* Eſq; Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, received a Letter at the Door of the Houſe by the Penny-Poſt, to this effect:

" One *Bernard*, in the Secretary's Office, has procured *a* " *Paſs* for *Holland*, *under a falſe Name*, for *John Robart*, " the Duke of *Leeds*'s Steward, and all, *&c.*

On Thurſday Morning the Speaker communicated the ſame to the Houſe, who referr'd it to the Examination of the Committee appointed to make good the Charge againſt the Duke of *Leeds*. They upon conſidering the Letter, found it was writ in *Office Paper*; whereupon Mr. *Vernon* and *Bernard* (who was mention'd in the Letter) and alſo the Books of the Secretaries Office were ſent for: and *Bernard* being examined, *denied he had done any ſuch thing, or knew any thing of the Matter.*

In ſearching the Books and comparing the Hands, Mr. *Vernon* concluded the Letter was writ by one *Sorſoleil* a Frenchman, and an Under-Secretary of the ſame Office; for though the Hand was endeavour'd to be diſguiſed, moſt of the Letters were like the ſame Hand, eſpecially the Letter *e*, which was very remarkable.

Sorſoleil was thereupon ſent for and examined; he (who at the time of the Writing the Letter, ſeemed to have ſome ſpice of Honeſty) now *denied the Writing the Letter*, but owned he knew *Robart* intimately well; That *they had been Servants together at the Earl of* Lindſey's, and

and were almoſt daily together, till within theſe laſt four or five Days. Being ask'd when he ſaw him laſt, he gave this Account.

That being with two or three of his Countrymen on Sunday laſt, and talking of the Duke of *Leed*'s *Impeachment*, one of the Company told him, that *Robart* was withdrawn, or would ſoon withdraw: That the ſame Day he tried to find *Robart*, becauſe he the ſaid *Sorſoleil* had borrowed Money of him, upon a Pawn of a far greater Value, which he was loth to loſe, but could not find him that day; but on Monday Morning, as he was going from *Whitehall* to St. *James*'s in the Park, he verily believes *he ſaw* Robart *turn the Corner of the Wall towards* St. *James*'s *Houſe*, and haſtned after him, but *Robart went away ſo faſt he could not overtake him, nor hear of him at the Duke of* Leeds's.

Sorſoleil farther added, that he told all this to *Bernard* in talking of his being ſent for by the Committee, *who diſſwaded him from mentioning it to the Committee, ſaying, he was a Fool if he mentioned any thing of this*, for he would not be examined to it.

On Friday Morning *May* the 3*d*, one of the Committee examining the Letter, found the Superſcription was writ in a different Hand from the Inſide; which obſerving, and ſhewing it to a Gentleman who had been of Mr. Secretary *Trenchard*'s Office, the Gentleman ſaid he verily believed it was one *Robertaw*'s writing, who was an Under-Secretary of the ſame Office, and that he could ſhew the ſame Hand in the Books, which he fetch'd, and comparing it with the Letter, it did appear ſo; and *Robertaw* was ſent for, who owned his Hand on the Superſcription, and ſaid, that he ſaw *Sorſoleil* write the Inſide. The manner he related thus.

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That on Wedneſday Morning laſt, *Sorſoleil* and he being at the Ax and Gate in *King-ſtreet*, *Sorſoleil* told him, that *Bernard had help'd* Robart *to a Paſs for* Holland; and added, *'twas pity the Nation ſhould be thus abuſed*, or ſomething to that effect: whereupon *Robertaw* told him, that he would do well to let the Houſe of Commons know it. *Sorſoleil* replied, *he would not expoſe himſelf to Ruine.* [Had this been any other than a Foreigner, it had been leſs pardonable, it being as much as to ſuppoſe *we are got back into the Reign of King* Charles *the* 2*d*; and *that now*, as then, *the Man who ſerves his Country, runs the Hazard of being ruin'd.*] Beſides (ſaid *Sorſoleil*) *I have obligations to the Duke of* Leeds's *Family.* [The more's the Pity; for *his Obligations*, and *Bates*'s *old Friendſhip*, have been hitherto ſome obſtruction to the clearing up the Point in Queſtion.] And he added, that *Robertaw* might write a Letter by the Penny-Poſt to the Speaker: which *Robertaw* refuſed, ſaying, he did not know the thing; but if *Sorſoleil* would write the Letter, he would write the Direction, which they each did, and ſent it.

Robertaw and *Sorſoleil* being confronted, *Sorſoleil* ſtill *denied it*, and Robertaw *offered to make Oath of the Truth of what he ſaid. Sorſoleil* owned he was on Wedneſday Morning alone with *Robertaw*, at the *Ax and Gate*, and appeared in great Diſorder.

Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Yard*, the two firſt Secretaries in that Office, being preſent, declared themſelves amazed at *Sorſoleil*'s denying his Hand, and both ſaid, they did as much believe it his Hand, as if they had ſeen him write it.

It may be remark'd upon the Hiſtory of this Affair, that would *Bernard* have dealt ingenuouſly, the World might have received Satisfaction, who the Perſons were

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that obtain'd the Paſs to ſend *Robart* away; but he denies all, knows nothing of the Matter, and tells *Sorſoleil* he is *a Fool* if he diſcovers what he knows. And,

Sorſoleil being *under Obligations* to the Duke of *Leeds*'s Family, is found ſo impudent as to deny his own Hand-writing, and that in the Preſence of worthy Gentlemen, who were well acquainted with his Writing, and of another who offer'd to make Oath he ſaw *Sorſoleil* write it.

So the reſult is, *Robart* is fled the Kingdom with 600 Guinea's, part of *ſome Body's* 5000; *Bernard* and *Sorſoleil* have ſubjected themſelves to the Hazard of loſing good Imployments; and that *NON-JUROR*, the Duke's old Friend Mr. *Bates*, is lock'd up in the *Tower* with his own 500 Guinea's: Now, for whoſe ſake, theſe Perſons have thus expoſed themſelves, I leave the Reader to conjecture.

Having but now mentioned Mr. *Bates*, ſome particular Hints occur to my remembrance, which may tend to ſet the Matter of the 5000, and alſo the 500 Guinea's in its true Light, and which have not before been fully related. They are theſe,

Sir *Bazil Firebrace* declared, That *to induce Sir* Thomas Cooke *to give* Bates 500 *Guineas, he told him that Mr.* Bates *had a particular Intereſt in the Duke of* Leeds; That *Mr.* Bates, *or what METHODS he took, made my Lord Preſident MORE EASY than he was before he uſed thoſe MEANS.*

And it may not be forgotten, that all the while Mr. *Bates* was under Examination by the Committee of both Houſes, he had a Paper in his Hand writ like a *Catechiſm*, with Queſtion and Anſwer on the Margin, which he peruſed before he would anſwer any Queſtion.

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It was related *page* 40. of the *Collection of Debates, &c.* That Mr. *Bates* depoſed, *he ſent a Servant to receive the Money.* Now it muſt be noted, that *when he was ask'd the Name of the Servant,* after long peruſing the ſaid Paper, he ſaid, he thought *that was no fair Queſtion:* And it was ſeveral times demanded of him, before he told the Committee *it was my Lord Preſident's Servant,* and his Name *Robart.*

Note alſo, That once when Mr. *Bates* was ask'd when the Money was received; he ſaid, what! *MY LORD's MONEY?* Upon which it may not be amiſs perhaps to note, that in the Evidence given in, concerning Mr. *Bates* and *his Friend* at St. *James's,* Mr. *Bates was* ſaid to have been treated with, *as one belonging to the* Duke of *Leeds*; which was not truly of ſo great Honour to him, as the Title he gave himſelf of *FRIEND* to that Great Perſon.

It is alſo to be remark'd, that Mr. *Bates* ſaid he received the 500 *Guinea's himſelf,* [though as in *pag.* 40. of the *Collection,* he ſaid, *he could not well tell Money*;] and that *MY LORD's Servant received the* 5000 *Guinea's,* [but not for the *Duke* it ſeems, but to keep by him, till the ſqueamiſh-conſcienc'd Gentleman, who could not ſwear to King *William* and Queen *Mary,* ſhould find ſuch *a Noiſe* made about them, that it ſhould become adviſeable to make a return of *part of them* to the right Owners.]

It may be farther obſerved, That Mr. *Bates* had forgot the difference of Change in the Value of the Guinea's, from the Time they were received, to the Time they were returned back; and ſeveral times inſiſted, that he had reſtored all the Numerical 5000 Guinea's; when at laſt, *he owned the Receipt of* 4400 *Guineas only,* in four Bags, from Monſieur *Robart.* He ſaid he did not receive the 600 more, to make up the 5000 Guinea's, and only repaid 4400.

To Sir *Bazil Firebrace's* Depoſitions, in the former *Collection, pag.* 43. it may be added, that about a Week before the Money was brought back, he went to Mr. *Bates, and bid him ſpeak to My Lord Duke, to take care this Matter might not come out:* and Mr. *Bates* then told him, the Money was all for himſelf, but *he could not reſtore it, till he had ſpoken with HIS FRIEND.*

Now before we conclude, a few Words of Sir *John Trevor*, *once Speaker of the Houſe of Commons*, and of the innocent and highly abuſed *Orphans*.

He (we remember) ordered Mr. *Leake* the Printer, and *no other*, to publiſh to the World, that Sir *John Trevor*, *Speaker of the Houſe of Commons*, *receiving a Gratuity of* 1000 *Guinea's from the City of* London, *after paſſing of the Orphans Bill*, *is guilty of a high Crime and Miſdemeanour*. And in a few days after, the ſame Mr. *Leake*, without his *Appointment* or *Leave*, proclaim'd it, that Sir *John Trevor*, *LATE SPEAKER*, *was expell'd the Chair and Houſe for the ſaid High Crime and Miſdemeanour*: So juſt a Horror, ſo Noble an Indignation had this *Auguſt Aſſembly* for his Crime!

But here ſome few *unthinking Men* object, That if there were Juſtice in his *Expulſion*, yet to expel him for taking *a Gratuity*, after the paſſing an Act of Parliament, is *ſummum Jus*. What, ſay they, will you run up his Puniſhment ſo high, for a Fault of ſo ſoft a Name, for *a Gratuity only*, (not *a Bribe*) and for *a Gratuity* given after the Act was paſs'd? To leave the Anſwer to another, I only obſerve, that though this *Gratuity* (as termed) was paid or given (which you will) after the Act was paſs'd, *he had an early Aſſurance of* the 1000 Guinea's, and that four or five days before the Bill was ordered to be brought into the Houſe, as will preſently appear; as it may in due time, if ſome in the City would in earneſt ſet about it, who made the Contract with him.

This cannot receive a more appoſite Anſwer, than has been lately given by a moſt ingenious Perſon; and therefore with his leave, I will tranſcribe it.

" When all is done (ſaith he) what a juſt Indignation muſt it " raiſe in every one that loves his Country, to ſee it poſſible for " *Corruption* ſo far to enter into that *Chair*, as to take Money for " an Act of Parliament! This is a monſtrous Production in " Nature, unknown to the Ages paſt, and only to be found in " this. To take *a Gratuity* for an Act of Parliament, is ill " enough; but to take one for an Act in favour of *Poor Orphans*, " for an Act in which not only the Honour of the Nation, but " the Subſiſtence of ſome hundreds of People of good Faſhion " and Quality, *that wanted Bread, and muſt have ſtarved without*

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" *it*, is concerned; to take *a Gratuity* for ſuch an Act, is a thing " ſcarce to be parallel'd. This was *to rob the Poor* with a Wit- " neſs, a Crime which we ſee every day the Wretches that pad " upon the *High-way* diſdain to commit.

And whereas ſome blame the Perſons who gave the Speaker this Gratuity, the contrary hath been very well aſſerted, and they juſtified by him, who ſaid, That " If a Man will not " do me Juſtice without Money, I know not why I may not give " it him, rather than ſuffer by his Injuſtice: the Fault is none of " mine, it's his, that would not do me reaſon without it; *I* " *would give a Robber on the High-way a part to ſave the reſt.*

That the Caſe ſtood thus with the diſtreſſed *Orphans*, is beyond Contradiction true; their *Caſe* might well be eſteemed Hopeleſs and Deſperate, by him who conſiders in how many *Seſſions* of Parliament they had been baffled and tired out with fruitleſs Attendances, and that *Prayers and Tears* had no way avail'd them.

Were it conſiſtent with my deſigned Brevity, I ſhould recount the incredible Delays and reiterated Diſappointments, which had been given them in every Seſſion of this Parliament, till they came to make the *requiſite Application* to the *Speaker*; but I ſhall only review the *Journal* of the three Seſſions in 1691, 1692, and 1693, which will demonſtrate, that they were laid under the higheſt and moſt abſolute Neceſſity to try *the Power of Gold.*

On Friday the 27*th* of *November* 1691. The Lord *Mayor*, *Aldermen* and *Common Council* of *London*, preſented a *Petition* to the Houſe of Commons, *praying leave to bring in a Bill for raiſing a Fund for an Annual Payment, to be made in lieu of the Debts to the Orphans:* which being read, Leave was given to bring in a Bill as prayed; and on Wedneſday the ſecond of *December*, the Bill was preſented, and read the next day, and *ordered to lie on the Table*; which is eſteemed in Parliamentary Proceedings, a clean way of *Rejecting* it.

Hereupon, on Wedneſday the 9*th* of *December*, it was reſolved (upon a Motion made on their behalf) that the Houſe would take into *Conſideration* the Debts due to the *Orphans*, and their Relief, the next Monday, and then *conſider* of *Ways* for their Satisfaction.

On that Monday, 14*th Decemb.* the *Conſideration* of this Affair was deferred to the following Saturday, then to the next Thurſday, thence to that day Seven-night; ſo to the next Wedneſday, when nothing was done; But on Friday the 8*th* of *January* it was adjourn'd to the Tueſday following, then to the next Monday, thence to Friday, ſo to Wedneſday, and after that to

Friday the 29*th* of *January*, when they reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to *conſider* of Ways for ſatisfying the *Orphans* Debts; and Mr. *Harcourt* reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs, and *deſired Leave to ſit again:* Upon which they reſolved to *conſider again* next Wedneſday. Then nothing being done, on Friday *Feb.* 5. it was adjourned to the following Tueſday; when the Houſe being upon the *ſmall Tithe Bill*, nothing was done.

Thurſday 11*th* of *Feb.* the *Lords* ſent down a *Bill for Relief of the diſtreſſed Orphans*, which was read; and upon Saturday the 13*th* the Lords *ſent to put the Houſe in mind of that Bill:* And thereupon *a Motion was made that the Bill ſhould be then read* a ſecond time, but it paſs'd in the *NEGATIVE*; and a like Motion was *rejected* on Saturday the 20*th* of *February.*

At this rate was their Affair carried (or rather ſtood ſtill in the Seſſion of 1691.) See now how it fared with them in 1692.

On Thurſday the 17*th* of *Novemb.* 1692. the *Sheriffs* and ſeveral *Aldermen* preſented a *Petition* from the *Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of* London, *praying the Aſſiſtance of the Houſe for raiſing and ſettling a Fund for payment of the Debts due to the Orphans:* Which was read, and ordered to be taken into *Conſideration* on Thurſday; when, and afterwards for that Seſſion, we find it adjourn'd from Thurſday to Wedneſday, from Wedneſday to Friday, *&c.* above 20 Days having been appointed, and nothing effected more than in 1691.

We are now got to the Seſſion of 1693, where you have a remarkable *Trial of Skill.*

On Thurſday *Novemb.* 30, 1693, a Petition of the *Lord-Mayor, Aldermen,* and *Common-Council* of the City of *London*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, *praying the Conſideration of the Houſe in order to a Proviſion to be made for payment of the Debts due to the Orphans:* And it was referr'd to a Committee of the whole Houſe to *conſider* it the next Tueſday; then it ran its *old Fate*, as in 1691

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and 1692, and their Expectation was not leſs than ten times raiſed, and diſappointed, by ordering it to be *conſidered* ſo many ſeveral Tueſdays, Fridays, *&c.* between that 30*th* of *November* and the 24*th* of *January*, and nothing done in it; but hitherto they had ſneakingly with-holden the *Wonder-working Guinea's*. And

They plainly found that *the Cart was bewitch'd*; and therefore, to be delivered from the *Inchantment*; on Wedneſday the 24*th* of *January*, when the Houſe, by their laſt Order of the 23*d*, were to *conſider (as they had heretofore done)* upon the Saturday following, the City obſerving the Houſe engaged in the Conſideration of *Ways and Means* for carrying on a Vigorous War againſt *France*, took a Reſolution to bethink themſelves of *Ways and Means* for carrying on more *vigorouſly* their hitherto baffled Attempt to obtain Relief in the deplorable Caſe of their *diſtreſſed Orphans*; and in order thereunto, the *Common-Council* appointed a *Committee* to conſider of *Ways and Means* for ſatisfying their Debts, and *to ſolicit the Parliament* for a Bill to that Purpoſe; and ordered the Chamberlain *to iſſue out and pay ſuch Sums as are REQUIRED by, and neceſſary for promoting the ſaid Services*; and directed that Mr. *Borrett*, the City Solicitor, do attend the Committee.

It deſerves Remark, that when this Order was made and ſigned by the Committee, there was a *Blank* for the Perſon's Name: But there was a Diſcourſe in the Committee, that the *Speaker was the Perſon to whom the Money was to be given:* And Mr. *Borrett* told the Committee, that *the Bill could not paſs without giving that Sum.* 2000 Guinea's were mentioned by others; and the Perſons who ſolicited for the Orphans, declared it would coſt them as much as it did the City; and ſome of them ſaid they had been out more than 10000 *l.*

The *City Ways and Means* being yet under Conſideration; on Saturday the 27*th* of *Jan.* the Affair of the Orphans was put off to the next Friday, then to Tueſday *Feb.* 6. thence to Saturday following; when nothing being done, on Monday the 12*th* of *Feb.* there began to be ſome Life in the Cauſe: Then *a Petition of the diſtreſſed Orphans was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that SOME EXPEDIENT may be found out for their Relief.*

Behold now, they no ſooner pray for *an Expedient*, but they have it the ſame day; and here obſerve what it was.

Monday

Monday 12th of *February* 1693, 'Ordered (by the *Committee* of 'Aldermen and *Commoners* appointed by the *Common-Council* upon the 24th of *January*) that Mr. Chamberlain *do pay to the* 'Honourable Sir *John Trevor* Kt. *Speaker* of the Honourable 'House of Commons, the Sum of 1000 Guinea's *ſo ſoon as a Bill be paſſed into an Act of Parliament for ſatisfying the Debts of* 'Orphans, and other Creditors of the ſaid City.

Well, whether it were owing to the Prayer of the *Orphans* to this *Order* of the *Committee*, I determine not; but now (however it happened) the *Honourable Speaker* (like another we lately talk'd of) *appears more eaſy* than heretofore; they had long apply'd to his Ear, but without Effect: Now they make a more proper Application by ſpeaking to *his Fiſt*, and mark how it works.

On Thurſday the 15th of *February*, *the Orphans Affair*, after at leaſt one hundred Diſappointments, *is called upon in the Houſe*; and what then? Why ſurely it is to be *conſidered the next Monday*, or that day ſeven Night, or ſo: ——No ſuch thing: *The Houſe reſolved it ſelf into a Committee* of the whole Houſe *to conſider of the Petition of the Lord Mayor*, &c. relating to the *Orphans*. What then? Why Col. *GOLDWELL* reported that *they had gone through the Matter to them referr'd*, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they directed him to report. [Here's now quick Work, all done with a Jirk, *no praying LEAVE TO SIT AGAIN*, as heretofore. But who is this Col. *Goldwell?* he ought to be taken notice of, and well rewarded for this eminent piece of Service, as without doubt he was; for he would never do this for *Nothing*, who had 1000 *l.* of *Action* on the *Eaſt-India* Score, for *doing Nothing*. Beſides, he was *no Fool*, and if he had not known how this Matter would turn to Account, he would have ſaid as Mr. *Bates* did at the making *the Bargain* for the 5000 Guineas for his *Friend* at St. *James's*—*What's this to me? I ought not to be imployed for Nothing.*] But when will the *Report* be made? Why without Delay, expect but 48 Hours, and you have it.

Saturday the 17th of *February*, Col. *Goldwell* made the *Report*. What's next? Why 'tis fair if it be read next Saturday: No, 'tis inſtantly read; nay, which is more, agreed to; and *a Bill ordered to be brought in*, by that moſt *Expeditious Gentleman*, Col. *Goldwell*.

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On Thurſday the 22*d* of *February*, Col. *Goldwell* brought in the *Bill for Relief of the Orphans*; it was read, and *ordered a ſecond Reading*. [*Now here's no ordering it to lie on the Table.*]

Saturday the 24*th* of *February*, the *Orphans Bill was read a ſecond time*, and ordered to be *conſidered* by a Committee of the whole Houſe next Saturday.

Saturday the 3*d* of *March*, [*Nothing now is to interpoſe between* Speaker *and HIS COMFORTABLE IMPORTANCE*] the Houſe reſolv'd it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the *Orphans Bill*, and Mr. *Hungerford* took the Chair, who reported they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments; and it was *ordered that the Report be made on Thurſday*.

Thurſday the 8*th* of *March*, Mr. *Hungerford* made the *Report*, which was *read*, and *agreed* to, and *the Bill ordered to be ingroſs'd*.

On Monday *March* the 12*th*, *the Ingroſſed Bill* for *Relief* of the *Orphans* was *read a third time and paſſed*, and ordered to be carried up to the Lords, and that *without a Meſſage* from their Lordſhips (as heretofore) to put them in mind of the *diſtreſſed Orphans Caſe*. Mark now! When *Buſineſs* is put in *a right Method*, and underſtanding Men give their Minds to it, with what Eaſe and Expedition they can rid their Hands of that which before had gone very aukwardly. We find here that theſe three *expert Gentlemen*, Sir *John Trevor*, Colonel *Goldwell*, and Mr. *Hungerford* (the *Witchcraft* being removed) gave *a Neat Diſpatch* to that in leſs than four Weeks, which other, as willing and wiſe Men, but *of a plainer ſort*, had in vain been tugging at above four Years. But, as I ſaid before, *the Cart was till now evidently bewitched*, and that *by the Stingineſs of cloſe-handed Citizens*, as Colonel *Cuthbert* expreſſed it, *pag.* 14. of the *Collection* of Debates, *&c.*

Now to conclude with a Queſtion lately put to me, and to which I knew not what Anſwer to return; How happens it that *the Man* (to ſay nothing of *Him* who ſtands already *Impeach'd*) upon whom that Illuſtrious Body have not only put *a Publick Mark of their Diſpleaſure*, but a *black Mark of Infamy*, whoſe *Crime* has been ſince aggravated by a ſubſequent Diſcovery of a moſt *NOTORIOUS BRIBERY*, in the Affair of the *Eaſt-India Company* in Parlia-

Parliament, [as *pag.* 43. of the *Collection*] and who had been *impeach'd*, if the Prorogation had not at that inſtant put an end to the Seſſion; *That ſuch a one is found ſtill to poſſeſs a Place of great Truſt, and of vaſt Profit,* that of Maſter of the Rolls, *and continues ſtill to ſit A JUDG in that high Court of Equity, and by his Decree determines Cauſes?*

Quid faciant Leges, ubi ſola Pecunia regnat,
Aut ubi Paupertas vincere nulla poteſt?
Ergo Judicium nihil eſt, niſi publica Merces,
Atque Eques *in Cauſa qui ſedet, empta probat.* Petron. Satyr.

Where 'er Judg Guinea rules, what uſe of Laws?
Contemned Poverty n'er gets its Cauſe.
Juſtice is Merchants Ware, the Trade is free,
The KNIGHT that fills the Bench ſells the DECREE.

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